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LaShonda A. Hunt to begin term as Bankruptcy Judge for Northern District of Illinois

On January 6, 2017, LaShonda A. Hunt will begin her 14-year term as Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois, filling the vacancy created by Chief Judge Bruce Black's retirement.

Judge Hunt earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois and her law degree from the University of Michigan. She has served as General Counsel of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services, Chief Legal Counsel of the Illinois Department of Corrections, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Staff Attorney for the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and law clerk to the Honorable William J. Hibbler of the Northern District of Illinois. She has also worked in private practice. Judge Hunt is on the Board of Directors for the Black Women Lawyers Association and has served as its President, Vice President and a number of other leadership positions.

"On behalf of the district court, we congratulate and welcome Judge Hunt to the bench. We are confident that her exceptional credentials will be an asset to the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois," said Chief Judge Rubén Castillo, District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

All bankruptcy cases are handled in federal courts under rules outlined in the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. There are ninety U.S. Bankruptcy Courts, which, by statute, are units of the U.S. District Courts. A U.S. bankruptcy judge presides over a bankruptcy case. The judge is appointed to a 14-year term by the judges of the local U.S. Court of Appeals and can be reappointed.

The Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois is comprised of the Eastern Division and Western Division. With court locations in Chicago, Joliet, Rockford, Lake County and Geneva, the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois stretches across 18 counties, covering an area of nearly 10,100 square miles, with a population of 9.3 million people.

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